



Ash, Cartwright & Kelsey Church of England (Aided) Primary School

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Friday 17th July 2026

Newsletter Term 6 Week 7

Dear Parents/Carers

We end the academic year with another packed week and with exciting minibus news. Thanks to our PTFA fundraising and a very generous donation from the Jack Foat Trust, our second minibus will be delivered today. A huge thanks to the whole community for this mammoth effort – this second minibus will really benefit the children in school. The children had great fun at the PTFA Assault course colour run – thank you for all your sponsorship.

Year 4 Hawks enjoyed their trip to Sandwich on Monday to explore the River Stour as part of their topic. The children walked along the river and sketched the river scene. They did some tai chi by the river bank and enjoyed a picnic lunch.

We will say a fond farewell to our fabulous falcons in church today. They have had a fantastic end to their time in primary school and we will miss them very much. I wish them all the very best as they move onto their respective secondary schools. We also say a big thank you to Ms Maxted for all her hard work as a teaching assistant at Ash. Ms Maxted is leaving to pursue her dream as a dog groomer – we will miss her. Also congratulations to Mrs Crebbin who has finished her teacher training at Ash and has secured her first teaching job in another school- very much deserved! We will miss her!

Have a lovely summer holidays – see you all safely back in September.

Fiona Crascall
Headteacher



Birthdays to celebrate

Wrens

Reuben and Mia

Robins

Alice and Ruby

Magpies

Jake

Owls

Rhea, Rocco and Casey

Eagles

Rex and Florence

Falcons

Polina and Oliver

**Happy birthday to Miss Swain
and Ms Newing!**



We still have a few spaces left in our school nursery. If you would like to arrange an individual tour, please give the school office a call on 01304 812539.

Nursery sessions

Unfortunately due to funding pressures, we will have to raise the cost of our paid nursery sessions from September. They will now be £20 for a session or £40 per day. We are still very competitive compared to other nursery providers and this is a decision that has not been taken lightly. Thank you for your continued support.

PTFA Update 17th July

Funds Raised This Summer Term & Approved Requests

As we come to the end of another fantastic term, we'd like to say a huge **thank you** to our amazing school community for your continued support. Whether you've attended events, bought raffle tickets, volunteered your time, or simply cheered us on, you've helped make a real difference.

Thanks to your generosity, we've raised an incredible **£6532.65** this term with more to come in! 🎉 Every pound raised goes straight back into enriching our children's school experience. We're delighted to share that your fundraising has already helped fund a range of exciting projects,, and opportunities across the school.

Here's a look at everything we've been able to support this term, thanks to your kindness and generosity.

✓ **Approved Funding Requests**

- **KS2 "What Makes an Amazing Author?" Session with Lucy Strange**
Year 3–6 pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit from award-winning author Lucy Strange, where they explored the creative writing process, developed a love of reading, and gained valuable insights into storytelling from a published author.
- **Little Wandle Books for our SEND Programme**
Additional Little Wandle reading books have been purchased to further support children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, ensuring they have access to high-quality, decodable reading resources matched to their individual learning needs.
- **K'NEX Science Kits for Year 5**
New K'NEX Science kits provided exciting hands-on STEM learning opportunities, helping pupils develop their understanding of scientific concepts through investigation, design and problem-solving.
- **Wrens – Enhanced Learning Environment**
Funding has been approved for accessible storage, along with new resources and learning toys to enhance child-initiated play, encourage independence, and create an engaging learning environment.
- **Year 1 Trip to Sandwich Bird Observatory**
We're pleased to support this educational visit, giving Year 1 children the opportunity to explore local wildlife, habitats and nature through first-hand experiences beyond the classroom.
- **Year 1 – Enhanced Learning Environment**
New accessible storage, learning resources and play equipment will help create an inspiring classroom where children can explore, discover and learn independently.
- **Whole School Breaktime Equipment Upgrade**
A wide range of new playground equipment will help keep breaktimes active, inclusive and enjoyable, encouraging teamwork, creativity and physical activity for all pupils.
- **Air Conditioning Units for Robins and Hawks**
Funding has been approved to improve classroom comfort during warmer weather, helping to create a more pleasant learning environment for pupils and staff.
- **Whole School Learning Resources**
The PTFA has committed funding towards curriculum resources that will benefit all year groups throughout this academic year and into the next, ensuring children continue to have access to high-quality learning materials.

PTFA Donations

In addition to funding larger projects, the PTFA has also been delighted to provide a number of special extras for our school community.

- **Ice Poles for Sports Day**

A refreshing treat to help children cool down and celebrate after enjoying a fantastic Sports Day.

- **Whole School Ice Cream Van Treat Day**

All children enjoyed a visit from the ice cream van to celebrate the end of the year. Nursery, Reception and Year 1 visited the park to enjoy their treats, while the rest of the school enjoyed theirs on the playground during the afternoon.

- **Refreshments for the New Starter Morning**

Providing a warm welcome for our newest families as they begin their journey with our school community.

- **Colour Run Fundraiser Support**

Colour powder and equipment were donated to help make our Colour Run assault course fundraiser a vibrant, exciting and memorable event for everyone involved.

- **Contribution Towards the New School Minibus**

The PTFA has made a financial contribution towards the school's new minibus, which will support educational visits, sporting events and wider learning opportunities for years to come.

- **New Buddy Bench for the Playground**

A special place where children can sit if they would like someone to play or chat with, helping to promote friendship, kindness and inclusion across the school.

- **Benedict's Law Allergy Kits**

New allergy emergency kits will be arriving in September as part of our commitment to supporting pupil safety and ensuring staff have access to appropriate emergency equipment.

Thank You! ❤️

None of this would be possible without the incredible support of our parents, carers, families and wider community. Every raffle ticket purchased, event attended and donation made helps us provide additional opportunities, experiences and resources that make a real difference to our children. Thank you for continuing to support our school.

Save the Date – PTFA AGM

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) will take place on **Friday 11th September** in the **school hall**, straight after morning drop-off, and we'd love to see as many parents and carers there as possible.

The AGM is a great opportunity to hear about what we've achieved over the past year, find out what's planned for the year ahead, and discover how you can get involved. Whether you can help regularly or simply lend a hand at the occasional event, every bit of support makes a huge difference.

We'll also be inviting parents and carers to sign up as PTFA helpers and volunteers for the coming year, so if you've ever thought about getting involved, this is a great opportunity to find out more. As part of the AGM, the committee will be elected for the forthcoming year. In accordance with our constitution, any nominations for committee positions should be submitted by email no later than **Friday 28th August**.

We hope you'll be able to join us and help us make another fantastic year for our school community!

Attendance Award

Week Ending 17/7/2026	Falcons Class	98.46%
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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1st September	INSET day – no children in school
Wednesday 2nd September	Children back in school for term 1
Thursday 10th September	Kent Test in school
Thursday 24th September	Eagles to big cat sanctuary in Smarden
Monday 12th October	Arts week in school
Friday 23rd October	End of term 1
Monday 2nd November	Children back in school for term 2
Week beginning 16th November	Anti-bullying week in school – Odd Socks Day on Friday 20 th November
Thursday 17th December	End of term 2
Tuesday 5th January	Children back in school for term 3

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Church
Ash**

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**Family Playdate
6th August 11-2pm
for children and their families**

**You are welcome to come along any time during our
opening hours and access:**

- **A welcome Space to sit and relax with your family**
- **Crafts, activities and stories**
- **Free refreshments**
- **Wifi**
- **Signposting and information**
- **Someone to talk to**
- **Community and friendship**



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